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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation (item 4 (c))

Triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session on the in-depth evaluation of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Economic and Social Council support and coordination

1. At its 8th and 10th meetings, on 10 and 13 June 2005, the Committee considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session on the in-depth evaluation of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Economic and Social Council support and coordination (E/AC.51/2005/4).

2. The representative of OIOS introduced the report and responded to the questions raised during the Committee's consideration of it.

Discussion

3. Several delegations expressed regret about the lack of action by the relevant intergovernmental bodies. The view was expressed that the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences were the competent bodies to review matters pertaining to the efficient functioning of the Council and the General Assembly. The view was expressed that in future, such requests by the Committee for Programme and Coordination for intergovernmental review would need to be implemented in a timely and systematic manner.

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4. Views were expressed that the OIOS recommendations had been overtaken by the Secretariat's actions, such as the efforts to improve the methods of work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies and the efforts by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to improve the efficiency of its operations.

5. Delegations noted that there were ongoing discussions within the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly and its Main Committees on how to improve their respective methods of work and efficiency. It was also noted that those bodies were the appropriate and competent bodies to develop reform-oriented recommendations.

6. Some delegations expressed support for the continuing relevance of some of the recommendations of OIOS. For example, the timeliness of Council and Assembly documentation and the efficient use of conference services were still in need of improvement. Regarding the issue of revitalization of the General Assembly, which was addressed in the report of OIOS on the in-depth evaluation of the subprogrammes on General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and Economic and Social Council support and coordination (see E/AC.51/2002/4, para. 85, recommendation 1 (a)), (see E/AC.51/2005/4, annex, sect. B, recommendation 1 (a)), the view was expressed that there was a continuing need to streamline the agendas of the Second and Third Committees.

7. Reservations were expressed regarding recommendation 1 (b) in section A of the annex to the OIOS report, as the added value of the proposed additional documentation and the potential budget implications would require further clarification.

8. Reservations were also expressed regarding the second part of recommendation 1 (c) in section A of the annex to the report, as advance documentation of the anticipated outcome of discussions in the meetings could run contrary to the spirit of an open exchange of views.

9. Views were expressed that since the intergovernmental review of the OIOS recommendations requested by the Committee at its forty-second session had not taken place and as those recommendations had been overtaken by events, there was no need for the Committee to recommend follow-up action.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee emphasized the importance of the contribution of the relevant intergovernmental bodies, the General Assembly and its Main Committees.**

11. **The Committee reiterated its view that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly should include in their programmes of work a review of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work and take appropriate action.**

12. **The Committee regretted that the relevant intergovernmental bodies have not reviewed the recommendations arising from its in-depth evaluation.**

13. **The Committee noted that consideration of the recommendations contained in the report was still ongoing.**